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SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR: ITALIAN INTERVENTION

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1. ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS PROVIDED US FOLLOWING VERSION
OF GOI ACTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

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2. MFA SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO ITALIAN EMBASSIES IN CAIRO,

JIDDA, DAMASCUS AND BEIRUT TO WARN LOCAL PLF LEADERS AGAINST EXECUTION OF KAGNEW FOUR. WARNING REFERRED ONLY TO HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF SITUATION, BUT EMBASSIES WERE INSTRUCTED TO SAY THAT WARNING WAS ISSUED AGAINST BACK-GROUND OF CERTAIN HUMANITARIAN AID THAT GOI HAD BEEN PROVIDING TO PLF. SINCE EXECUTION OF AMERICANS WOULD BE COUNTER TO ASSURANCES GIVEN GOI THAT ERITREAN INSURGENCY WOULD NOT INVOLVE FOREIGNERS, SUCH AN ACT WOULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON CONTINUATION OF THIS HUMANITARIAN AID. EMBASSIES WERE ALSO TO INFORM PLF LEADERS THAT GOI CONTINUES TO FAVOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF ERITREAN PROBLEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH WILL OF ERITREAN PEOPLE, BUT THAT EXECUTION WOULD PROVOKE BAD REACTION FROM ITALIAN PEOPLE AND THROUGHOUT WORLD.

2. IN REPLY TO SPECIFIC QUERY ITALIAN EMBASSY OFFICER

SAID THAT GOI COMMONLY REFERS TO ALL ERITREAN INSURGENTS COLLECTIVELY AS ELF BUT THAT ABOVE WARNING WAS CONVEYED TO THE POPULAR FORCES (PLF) FACTION OF INSURGENT MOVEMENT. KISSINGER

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